

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
November 7, 2014

Congratulations to Phillip Roland and Kristine Petersen for being re-elected as City Commissioners and to Sherida Ridgill for being elected. We look forward to working with you all.

Dates to Remember:

November 11, 2014	Veteran's Day (City offices closed)
November 12, 2014	City Commission Workshop (note change of date)
November 17, 2014	City Commission Meeting
November 27 & 28, 2014	City Thanksgiving holidays (residential garbage will be picked up Friday)

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- We have received preliminary site plans for the C-21 Canal project. This will be a 3 – 5 year endeavor involving the Army Corps of Engineers and their contractor, Harry Pepper & Associates. They will be setting up three (3) construction trailers using addresses 547 and 549 Hoover Dike Road on the slope north of the C-21 canal.
- There was a Planning & Zoning meeting held on Monday, November 3rd to discuss the map changes and amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. The board recommended approval of the 10 year Water Supply Plan and the Comp Plan amendments.
- We have received an application to pave the access road connecting Saginaw Avenue to the Clewiston Christian School. Work should be starting soon on this project.
- Five (5) new business tax receipts were issued in October: 3 transportation, 1 detailing and 1 insurance company.

Golf Course Operations Director Ford reports:

- Fertilizer was applied to the golf course. Fairways, tees, and slopes were treated.
- Spraying for weed control continues.
- Trimming and mulching of grounds around the country club and pro shop have been completed.
- Greens were sprayed with fungicide and fertilizer.
- Golf course opened this past Monday for the 1st time for the season. Play was slow, but we expect it to pick up as more of our winter visitors return.
- The Brian Haas Memorial Tournament is this Saturday with over 65 people already signed up. The golf course will be closed for the event, but will open at 2:00 p.m. for regular play.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- The Microsoft IT Academy will begin on Monday November 10th, 2014. The cost is \$20.00 for registration and \$50.00 for instructions. The cost of the exam will be discounted for those with Hendry County Library cards. That price will be \$100.00 per application including one re-sit. Without the library card the cost will be \$100.00 per application and \$50.00 for re-sits. Day and evening class schedule follows:
 - a) Mondays and Wednesdays – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (11/10/14 – 12/17/14)
 - b) Mondays and Thursdays – 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (11/10/14 – 12/22/14)Each application will be taught for 5 weeks for a total of 20 hours.
- Residents of Montura are encouraged to get signed up for a library card. Special efforts are being made to reach that population with library services. They may sign up for cards any Wednesday evening at the Club House between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. We also plan to begin offering other services through the Club House such as computer classes and internet services once a week.
- Our ESL class is going very well and the students are enjoying special training using the English Emersion software to learn how to speak English.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Due to elevated activity the past couple of months, officers are spending a great deal of time in the courtroom this week.
- Night shift patrol officers found an adult male inside a train locomotive one night this week at the US Sugar Locomotive Shop. It is suspected that he may have manipulated the controls of the engine before fleeing. Officers caught him a short distance away. He is currently being held at the Hendry County Jail.
- Interviews are complete, and CID is conducting background investigations for one Patrol Officer candidate, and one Animal Control candidate.
- Extra Officers were out on bicycles during the Halloween trick or treat activities. We had no reports of injury.
- Patrol stopped a vehicle early this week containing a large amount of marijuana (+50 grams) and a small amount of meth. Driver was taken to Hendry County Jail and his vehicle was impounded.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1078** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 605** Complaints Investigated
 - 10** Traffic Citations
 - 17** Traffic Warnings Issued
 - 17** Arrests Made
 - 6** City Ordinance / Code Violations
 - 41** Red Light Camera Violations
 - 63** Merchant Escorts
 - 9** Alarms Responded To
 - 1** Traffic Accident Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control: Mosquito activity is down. The treatments last week seemed to have reduced populations to a level we can live with. We really need about four days of cold weather (in the 30s) to put mosquitoes into a dormant stage.
- Street Maintenance: (1) The pothole patrol was out for two days this week. (2) Special thank you to Lee Marvin and all involved in making this year's homecoming float a "Glowing Success". (3) Staff is working on the "Special Thank You" sign for the Golf Course. It looks like it will be installed next week.
- Bid openings for the Mosquito Control Contract and for the 2015 Mowing Contract took place on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. Five contractors submitted a bid for the mowing contract and one submitted a bid for the Mosquito Control Contract. The City Commission will award a contract at the November 17 meeting.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- The Electric Crew is setting poles and building lines for construction trailers at Hoover Dike. They also cut the loop in for the traffic light at US 27 & Francisco.
- The Water/Sewer Crew repaired water breaks and replaced lift station pumps this week. We have been cleaning and making repairs to the lift station panels around town.
- The meter readers are continuing to paint fire hydrants.
- Due to current low fuel prices, we are enjoying the lowest power cost adjustment in 7 years. That, along with cooler temperatures, should result in lower power bills.
- DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION! Visit our office today.
- ONLINE UTILITY PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE! You can register your account by visiting our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov and click on the link at the bottom of the page or by going to <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl>. Payments can be made by credit or debit card. You can also review your account activity, consumption history and request certain work orders.